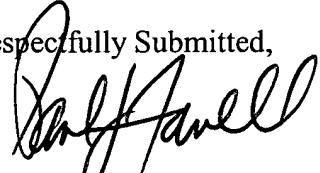


**REMARKS**

Prior to examination, please enter the amendments to claims shown herein.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request substantive examination of the claims. It is respectfully submitted that these changes are in form only and do not add new matter to the subject application. It is also submitted that these changes are not made in accordance with any statutory requirement for patentability, but are merely made for purposes of clarity in the claims.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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